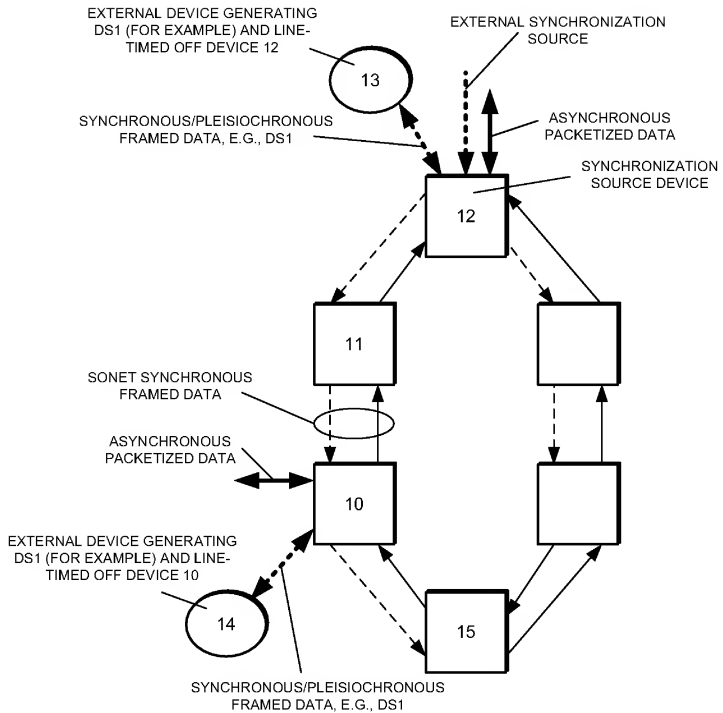


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REPRESENTATIVE SYNCHRONIZATION DISTRIBUTION
PATHS SHOWN WITH DOTTED LINES

FIG. 1A

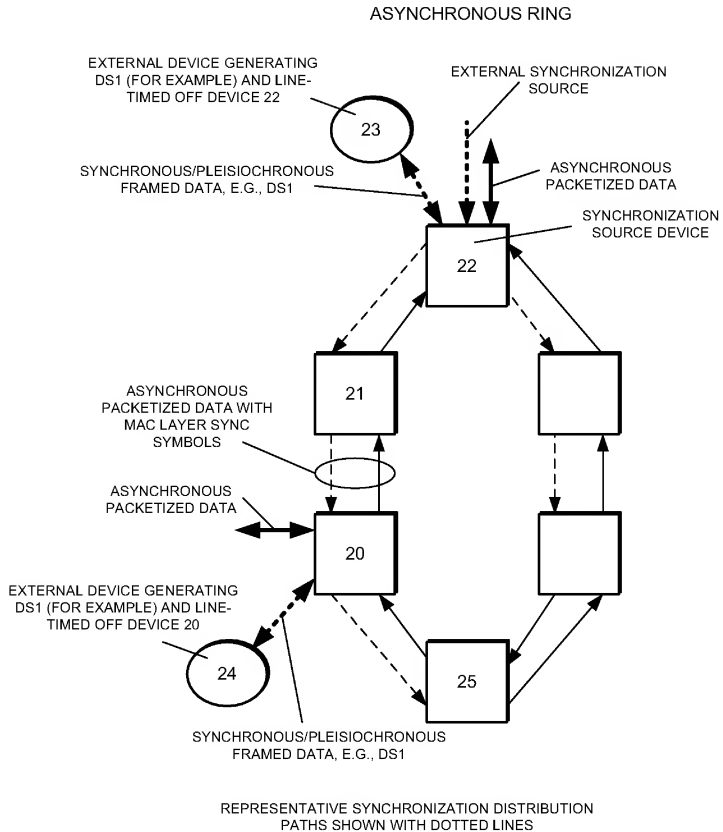


FIG. 1B



REPRESENTATIVE TRANSMISSION OF MAC DATA FRAMES WITHOUT PRIORITIZED INSERTION OF SYNCHRONIZATION SYMBOL

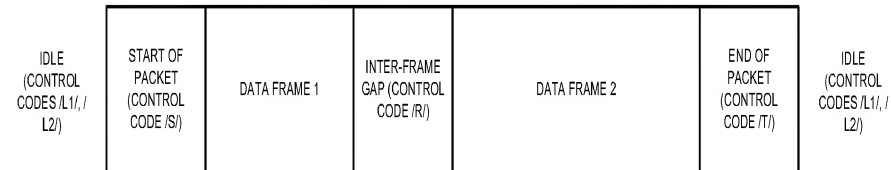


FIG. 2A

REPRESENTATIVE TRANSMISSION OF MAC DATA FRAMES WITH PRIORITIZED INSERTION OF SYNCHRONIZATION SYMBOL

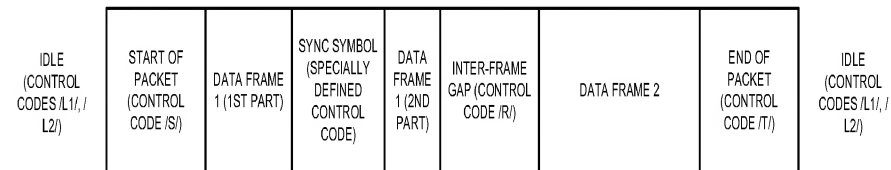


FIG. 2B

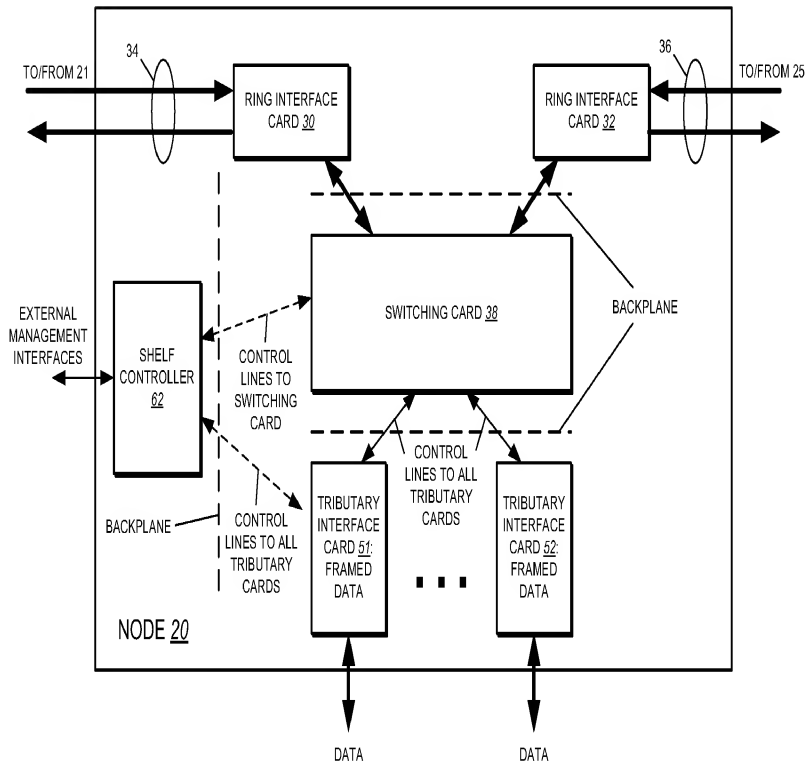
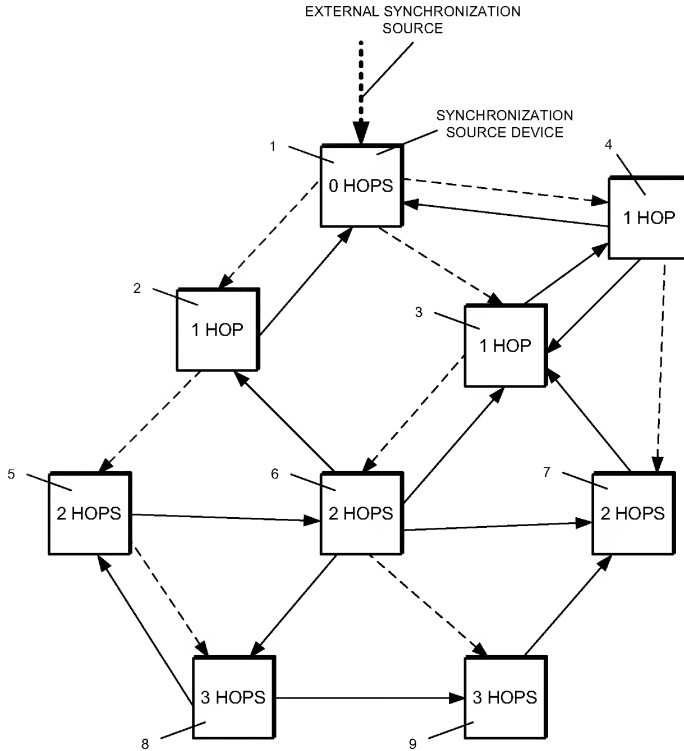


FIG. 3



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FIG. 4

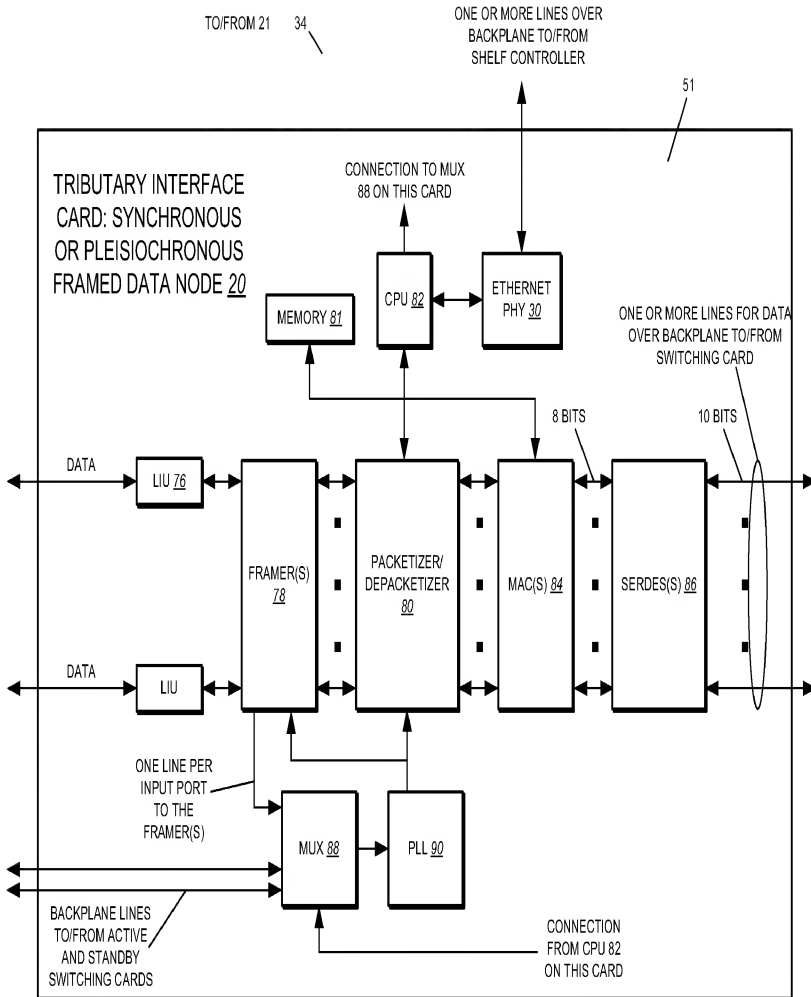


FIG. 5

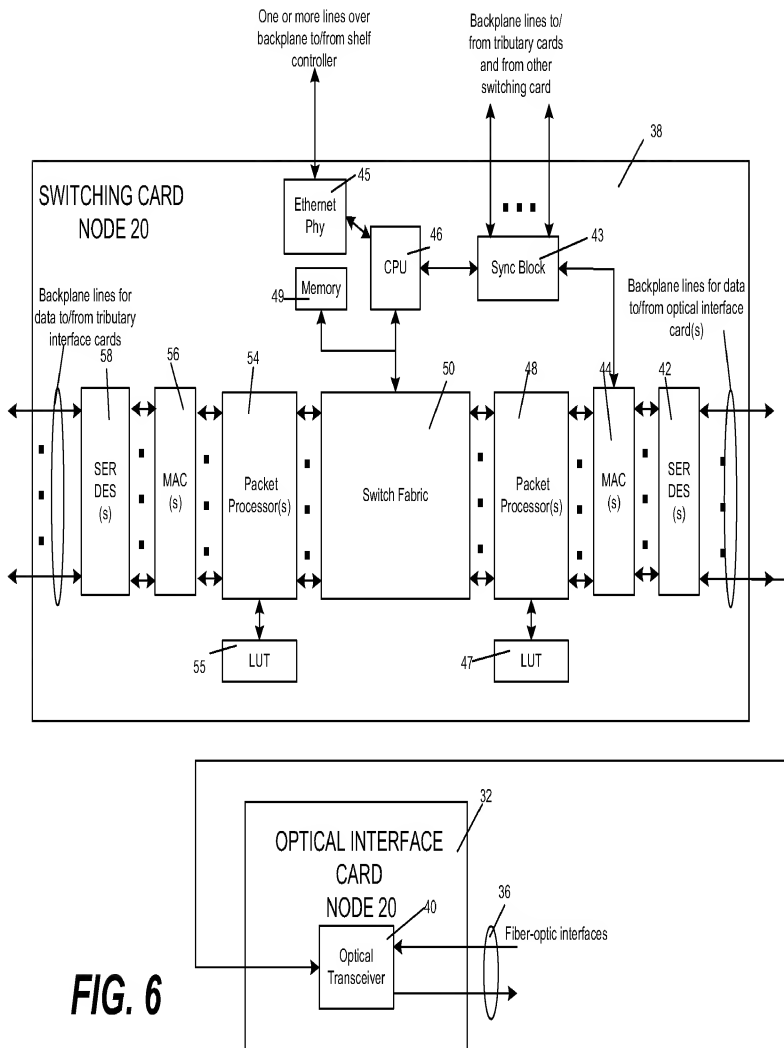


FIG. 6

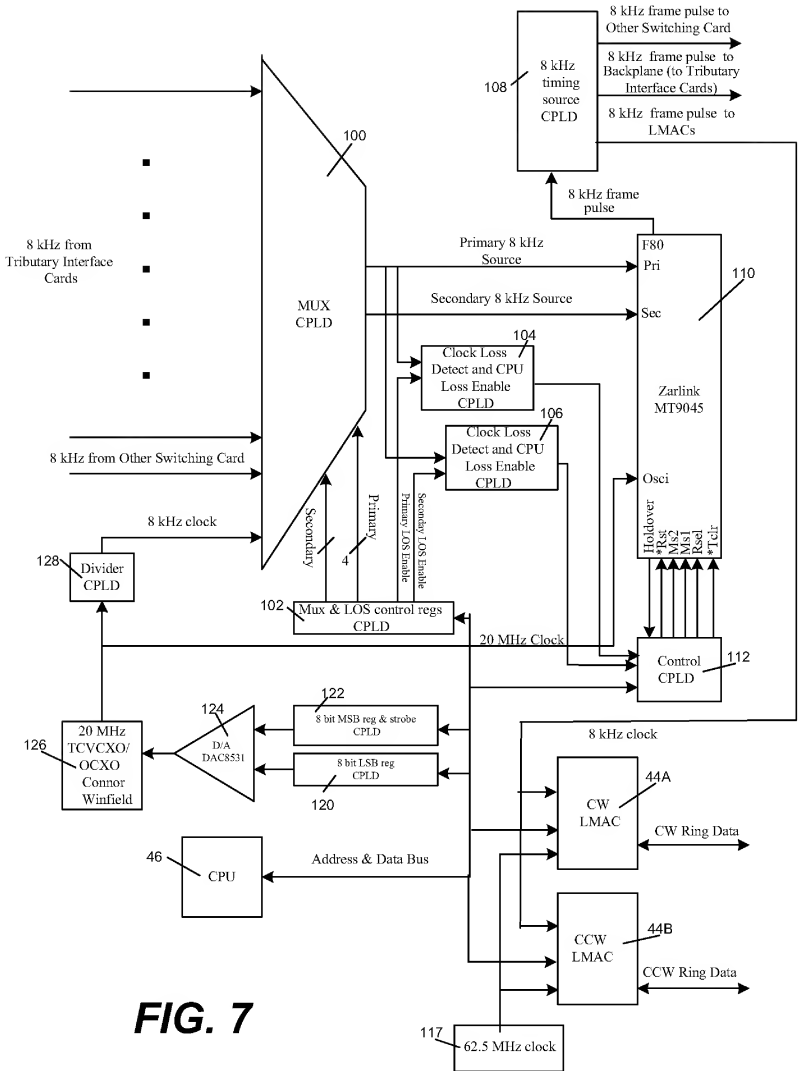


FIG. 7

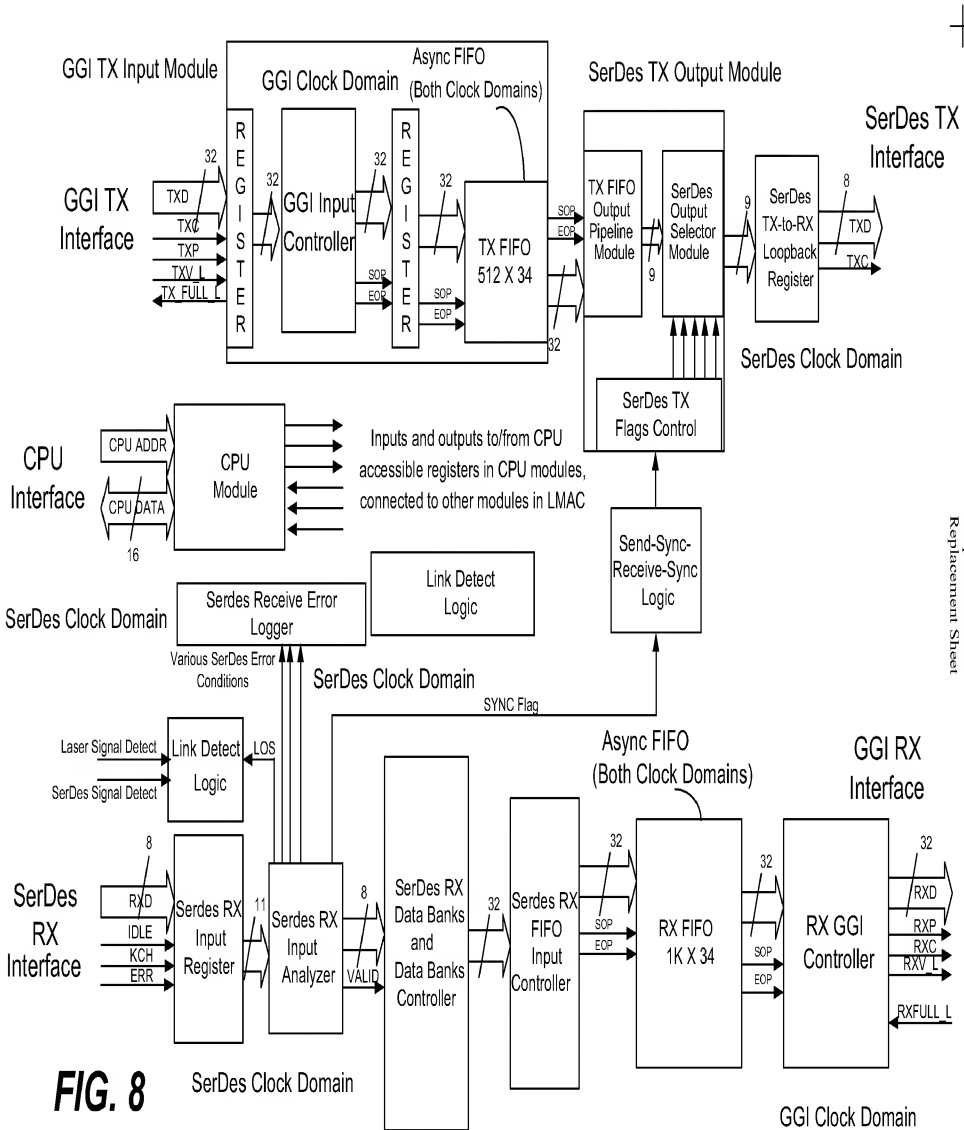


FIG. 8